

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A RESOLUTION

To commend John M. McCallum of Cedar Creek School upon his selection as an alternate representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Los Angeles, California.

WHEREAS, John M. McCallum attended the Louisiana Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar, held from June 4 through June 6, 2010, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program was established in 1958 by popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa, where he met with famed humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer and was inspired to create an organization designed to encourage young people to take leadership roles in society; and

WHEREAS, John M. McCallum was joined by one hundred twenty one other young leaders who represented their respective high schools through Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, these young individuals discussed the core values of the HOBY organization, including the impact of volunteering in one's community, the partnership in community, and an appreciation and need for diversity in our culture; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in conjunction with a major United States university, and the World Leadership Congress brings together young men and women from around the world for a week-long intensive educational leadership conference; and

WHEREAS, John M. McCallum was chosen as an alternate to represent Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress, which is being held July 23 through July 30, 2010, at the University of California in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, in September of each year, HOBY sends nomination materials to every accredited public and private high school in the United States, and each high school is invited to select one sophomore with demonstrated leadership abilities and potential to attend regional spring HOBY seminars; and

WHEREAS, at the World Leadership Congress, students learn firsthand about other cultures and opinions, for friendships, and exchange ideas in an environment where they can feel comfortable in open discussions with their peers, learning to voice how they have shaped and formed their own views about the role of leadership in society; and

WHEREAS, Hugh O'Brian believes the most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves, which, as a result of the more than three hundred thousand HOBY alumni, has influenced and inspired young people to become more involved in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress seeks to inspire high school students to excel as leaders, using friendship with others as a catalyst for their learning experience.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend John M. McCallum upon his selection as an alternative representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World leadership Congress in Los Angeles, California, and does hereby recognize the pride and honor that this wonderful young man has brought to his family, friends, and community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to John M. McCallum.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE